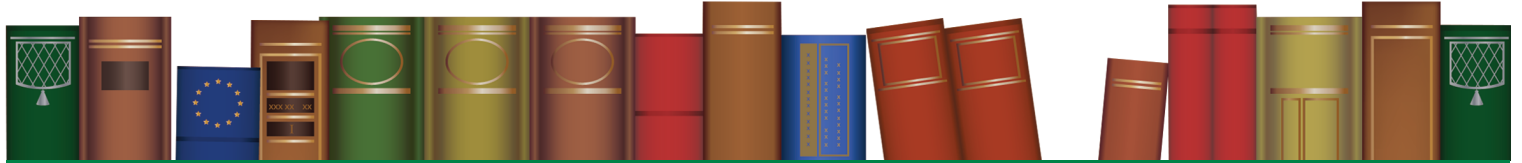




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Library Re-Opens June 1

Scenic Regional will reopen all branches to the public on Monday, June 1. While the branches will operate with their regular service hours, there will be restrictions.

Some public computers will be available; however, every other computer will be shut down to provide proper social distancing. Software has been installed which will allow staff to assist patrons on the public computers remotely—from behind the service desk.

All library staff are required to wear masks while at work. While patrons will not be required to wear masks, they are being strongly encouraged to do so. Protective acrylic shields have been installed at all the service desks and hand sanitizer dispensers placed in the lobby of each branch.

The staff will also have heightened cleaning procedures, which will include frequently wiping down door handles, keyboards, sink handles in the public restrooms, public coffee machines, and service desk counters with disinfectant spray or wipes.

All returned items and all items arriving in the statewide courier will be quarantined for 72 hours prior to being re-shelved.

Branch study rooms will be limited to two people. The library will not offer any in-person, live programming or public meeting room reservations until after July 31. Passport and notary services will be unavailable indefinitely.

The Xbox gaming consoles will not be available. The toys in the children's areas will be placed in storage and the Clevertouch devices will not be available.

The library's self-check systems will be available, but staff's ability to assist patrons on the devices will be very limited in order to assure their safety.



Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in the lobby of each branch.



Patrons at the Union branch use the wireless Internet from the parking lot while the library was closed.



Patty checking-in items at the Owensville branch.

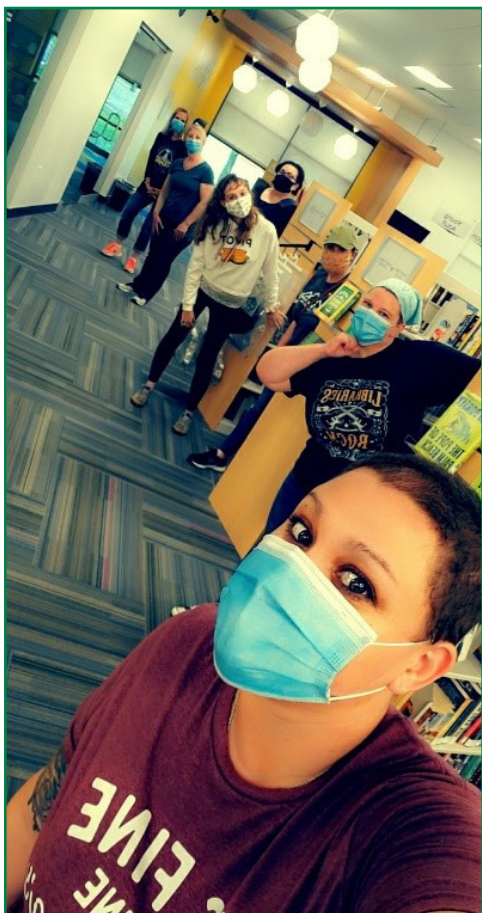


The Union branch staff with face masks. Staff at all branches are required to wear face masks. The public is strongly encouraged to wear masks when visiting the library.

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Union branch's Adult Programmer, Melissa did a virtual program on embroidery techniques, giving patrons the opportunity to follow along.



The Wright City Branch staff on their first day back at work.

Curbside Service to Continue After Library Reopens

On May 18, the library began "contactless" curbside service as phase one of its reopening plan. Patrons were able to call their local branch and have items pulled from the shelves or holds placed, and then schedule a time to pick up the items from a table outside the branch. The service was available four hours each day. On the first day of curbside service, the library served 240 patrons systemwide. In the first week, branches checked out 2,328 items through curbside service.

Once the library re-opens to the public on June 1, it will continue to offer a version of curbside service for patrons who are still uncomfortable entering the buildings due to coronavirus, or those who want to utilize the service for any other reason.

Patrons will be able to call or email their local branch whenever the library is open and have items pulled from the shelves or placed on hold, and then pick the items up. However, beginning on June 1, staff will bring the items to the patron's vehicle. There also will be a designated parking space at each branch near the entrance reserved for curbside service.

The hours for curbside service pick-up after June 1 will be:

Mondays, 9:00 AM-Noon

Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM

Fridays, 2:00-5:00 PM



Curbside service at the Union branch. 39 patrons picked up items at the branch on May 18.



Curbside service at the St. Clair branch. 37 patrons picked up items at the branch on May 18.



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Library to Re-launch St. Clair Branch Community Garden in 2021

The library hopes to still have a dedication event and launch the St. Clair Branch Community Garden in early 2021. The dedication event for the Garden, which was scheduled for March 21, was cancelled due to the library's closure on March 18. While the library is reopening on June 1, the garden will be on hold until spring 2021.

The garden, which is located behind the branch, features fourteen 4' by 8' raised beds for vegetables and eight smaller beds for flowers and herbs. Individuals, organizations, and classrooms will be able to "check out" a raised bed with a library card for a growing season. The community garden was sponsored by the St. Clair Branch Friends of the Library group.

There were a few patrons who did reserve garden beds prior to the closure and continued to work in the garden.

For more information about the St. Clair Branch Community Garden visit www.scenicregional.org/garden.



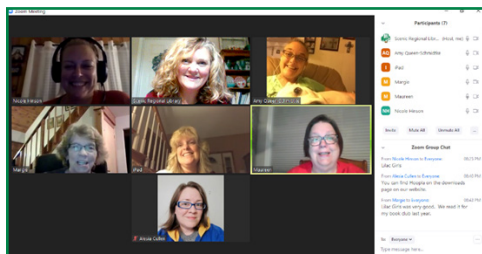
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Patrons in New Haven shared desserts they have been making during their time at home. YUM! A link was also provided to make an easy and delicious chocolate cake:
www.ihearteating.com/six-minute-chocolate-cake/



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Jacquie Oermann, adult programmer at the St. Clair branch, (top center) led a virtual book discussion group with Zoom in May. The group discussed "Lilac Girls," a novel by Martha Hall Kelly.



Check out our latest virtual programming and storytimes on your branch facebook page!



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Summer Virtual Programs for Kids

Animal Tales - Fantastic Creatures Live
 Tuesday, June 30, at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 6:00 pm

Magician Glen Foster
 Thursday, July 9, at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:00 pm

Shake-Ups Band
 Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

"Happily Ever After"
 presented by the Bright Star Theater acting troupe
 Wednesday, July 29, at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm

Library Offering Virtual Programming for Adults and Children this Summer

Library programming is going to look a little different this summer. Programming that would normally be held in the library has been suspended until early August. However, virtual programs, that began in March, will continue with the use of Facebook Live, Zoom, and videos posted to social media.

All branches will continue to host their weekly storytimes using Facebook Live. There will also be other added virtual content for all ages, such as book club discussions using Zoom, live performers, and "take & make" crafts. With a "take & make" craft, a patron stops by the library and picks up all the supplies needed to create a craft. Then, they make the craft at home while watching a "how-to" video posted on their branch's social media page.

The library will be hosting four live, virtual family programs this summer beginning in June with Animal Tales – Fantastic Creatures. Join us online for this live animal show on Tuesday, June 30 at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, or 6:00 pm.

The month of July is packed with virtual program options, including a Las Vegas-style magic show with Glen Foster on Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, or 6:00 pm, as well as the Shake-Ups Band, an award winning, power-pop group that performs songs all about cartoons. The Shake-Ups Band will be performing on Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Finally, on Wednesday, July 29 the Bright Star Theater acting troupe will present "Happily Ever After" at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. The performance is a hilarious rendition of some of the best Grimm Brothers' famous fairy tales, including Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Rumpelstiltskin, and The Elves and the Shoemaker. For more information about the virtual programs being offered in June and July, visit branch Facebook pages or contact your local branch.

Summer Reading Program Moves Online this Summer

The Summer Reading Program is going online this year at Scenic Regional Library! With all the changes and uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, the library decided to take advantage of a new grant offered by the Missouri State Library and purchase software for online reading programs called READSquared.

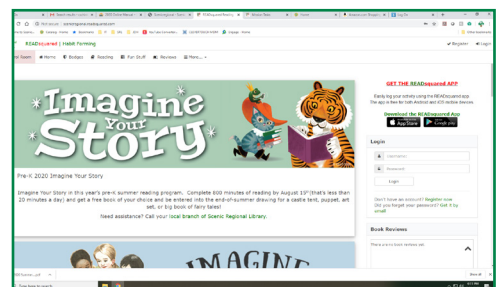
To participate in the online Summer Reading Program, all you have to do is go to the link on our website on or after June 1 and register. You can register just yourself, or register your whole family at once. Then you can log your reading individually or a parent can log all their children's minutes from their account. There is also an app you can put on your mobile device to manage your summer reading.

As with previous years, the new software allows the library to customize its programs so that children will be logging how many minutes they are reading, and teens and adults will be completing reading challenges.

READSquared also lets you choose the option of getting weekly book recommendations by email for children and teens. READSquared is linked to the library's online catalog, so you will only be sent recommendations for books available at the library.

Scenic Regional Library is excited to use READSquared to offer other reading programs throughout 2020-2021. In addition, the library plans to use the software to launch its "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program this year.

READSquared was provided through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act and administered by the Missouri State Library



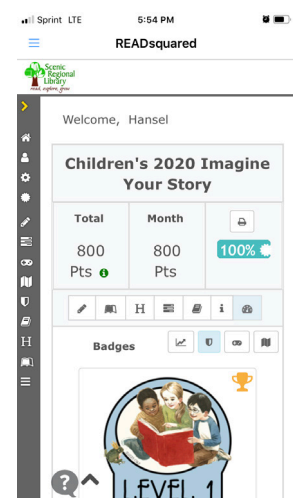
KIDS read 8 hours by August 15th (that's less than 20 minutes a day) and get a free book of your choice and be entered into the end-of-summer drawing for a castle tent, play sand castle kit, 3D dragon light, art set, and much more! For every 15 minutes of reading you'll earn beads to decorate your summer chain. Keep reading after you finish your 800 minutes and you'll continue to earn beads and extra chances in the end-of-summer drawing.

TEENS complete 3 challenges from a long list of fun reading and activity challenges that will help you Imagine Your Story. After 3 challenges you'll get a free book of your choice and be entered in the end-of-summer drawing for a game, water bottle, journal set, Amazon gift card and more! Keep completing challenges all summer for even more chances to win a prize in the end-of-summer drawing.



ADULTS complete 3 challenges from a long list of fun reading and activity challenges that will help you Imagine Your Story. After 3 challenges you'll receive a cloth book bag and be entered in the end-of-summer drawing for an Amazon gift card, a local restaurant gift card, and more! Keep completing challenges all summer for even more chances to win a prize in the end-of-summer drawing.

This year all ages will be able to register and log their reading online. Logging online is fun and easy. Earn badges for reading, virtual and real life activities. Kids can play online mini games that unlock as they log more minutes.



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Sheryl assisting patrons by phone at the Sullivan branch.



Due to the current situation the library is not accepting any donations at the branch or in our drop box until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation

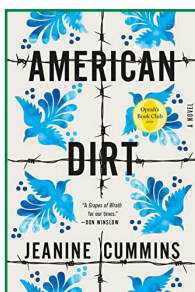
Staff Picks

"Kendra Donovan Mystery" series by Julie McElwain



I have been enjoying the "Kendra Donovan Mystery" series by Julie McElwain for quite a while now. So far there are 5 books in the series beginning with, "A Murder in Time." These books have every genre I love; fantasy, mystery, historical fiction, crime drama, romance, and even sci-fi. I am most intrigued by the time travel aspect of the novels and Kendra's push and pull between the world she knows and the new world she has been thrown into. She is a strong female lead character who is trying to find a balance between being a FBI Agent in her time and a Lady of the aristocracy in her new life. Her talents come into play when there is a series of strange and surprising murders only she can help solve.

-Review by Melissa at the Union branch



"American Dirt," by Jeanine Cummins

"American Dirt" is a gripping novel of human and cultural significance and important for the time in which we live. It voices the harrowing journey of Lydia Quixano Perez whose comfortable life in Acapulco is shattered by the gruesome massacre of her husband, mother and fourteen loved ones by a ruthless drug cartel. Fleeing for their lives to el norte, Lydia and her young son are joined by two teenage sisters escaping the reach of a treacherous Honduran gang. Lydia maintains her hope for sanctuary amid the trek's encounters with both vicious cruelty and empathetic kindness.

Cummins authored the bestselling memoir "A Rip in Heaven" that likewise opens violently with the brutal rape of her two cousins and assault of her brother before they were thrown off the Chain of Rocks Bridge by four depraved individuals. In "A Rip in Heaven" Cummins positions the reader as a trial juror to whom she depicts details of that crime and the subsequent criminal justice process with detective-like precision and heartfelt remembrances of her murdered cousins. Cummins' equally vivid imagery and evocative storytelling in "American Dirt" transport the reader alongside Lydia to share in her struggles, grief and fear. The rich and poignant descriptions of Cummins' multifaceted characters cause the reader to intimately connect with them. While Cummins was powerless to save the lives of her cousins, through Lydia she personifies determination, strength and sacrifice harnessed to protect those she loves.

-Review by Cheryl at the Warrenton Branch



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Staff Spotlight: Connie, Bookmobile Manager



How long have you worked for Scenic?
 16 years.

Have you held any other positions at Scenic? I started as a circulation clerk/book processor.

What made you want to work in a library?
 I worked in the library in junior high school and I loved it. I grew up a block away from the Union library and spent a lot of time there.

What is your favorite part of the job?
Why? My patrons. Let's make no mistake about it, they are MY patrons. They are the kindest, most appreciative people that I know. I enjoy making them happy. The children are fantastic and always happy to see us. It is mutual.

What did you find most surprising about the bookmobile once you started working on it? I was most surprised at the size of our territory. We travel a lot of miles on some days and see a lot of beautiful scenery.

What do you wish more people knew about the bookmobile? I wish they knew how much the staff enjoy doing what we do. We love bringing them just the right books as well as finding surprise treasures for them. We enjoy their company and look forward to them sharing the stories of their lives with us.

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? I am a heavy audiobook user of Hoopla on my phone via our website. It is time for me to go through my long list of favorites and download it. I will do that today.

What is your favorite book? Why? *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It is so well written, a great story, and an emotional read. What's not to like about it?

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or the bookmobile? I feel like I have the best job in the entire library system. I meet the best patrons and provide a fantastic service to them. The bookmobile offers a unique library experience to every person that comes onboard.



Ms. Roxanne dressed up for a Virtual Storytime to entertain our young patrons!



In order to provide relief to libraries and to provide more content to patrons during this difficult time, hoopla Digital has curated the hoopla Bonus Borrows collection.

The hoopla Bonus Borrows consists of more than 1,000 top titles that are FREE to Libraries - PLUS each Patron will be debited ZERO Borrows when they borrow any of the included titles!

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Purchase a "Book" for the Donor Wall in Your Community's New Library

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation and Friends of the Library groups are selling donor wall "books", which will be placed in the entrance hallway of each new library building.

You can have your name, your family's name, or your business's name become a permanent part of the new library in your community. Donor wall "books" can also serve as a beautiful and long-lasting memorial for a loved one.

The cost of a donor wall "book" is based on the size of the book:

- 8" x 1½" book – \$100
- 10" x 2" book – \$200
- 9" x 3" book – \$300

Visit www.scenicregionalfoundation.org or complete this form to place your order. The Foundation accepts debit and credit cards (online), checks, and cash (only for forms brought to the library) for donor wall "book" purchases.



Proceeds from the sale of the donor wall books are designated for the local Friends of the Library group and used to assist with the purchase of furnishings and equipment in their new building.

Purchases are tax deductible.

Donor wall "books" can be purchased throughout the construction project and will be unveiled at the grand opening of each new branch library.



Scenic Regional Library Foundation Donor Wall "Book" Order Form

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